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REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 9-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 8 and 21-23 are allowed. Claims 24-35 have been added.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 8 and 21-23 are allowed.

Claims 2-7, 9-12 and 14-19 which were previously withdrawn from consideration have now been cancelled in view of the finality of the Office Action and to place the case in better condition for allowance.

Rejected claims 13 and 20 have been cancelled, again to place the case in better condition for allowance.

Claims 24-29 have been added to depend from base claim 8 which has been allowed and which is generic to all the species identified in the Office Action dated March 21, 2003 (Paper No. 5). Claims 24-29 are based upon original claims 2-7, respectively, but depend from claim 8 rather than claim 1. Similarly, claims 30-35 have been added to depend from allowed claim 23, which is generic to all of the species identified in Paper No. 5. Claims 30-35 are based upon original claims 2-7, respectively, but depend from claim 23 rather than claim 1. Given the allowability of generic claims 8 and 13, it is believed that added claims 24-35 should also be allowable. Furthermore, it is believed that Applicants are entitled to consideration of these added claims because the present Office Action for the first time indicated the allowability of generic claims 8 and 23 and because the added claims are written in

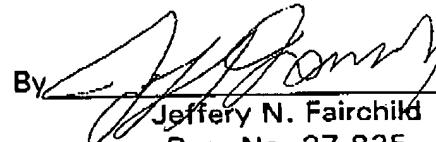
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dependent form from these generic claims and therefore include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requested entry of the amendment, consideration of added claims 24-35 and allowance of the case. On the other hand, should there be a concern about added claims 24-35, Applicants respectfully request notification as soon as possible so that they can determine the appropriate response in view of the finality of the present Office Action. In this regard, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned attorney at 312/876-2106 would be greatly appreciated.

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